

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0467

Title: Clarify process for designating outstanding resource waters

Primary Sponsor: Barrett, D

Status: As Introduced

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| Sponsor signature | Date | Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director | Date |
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Fiscal Summary

| | FY 2004 Difference | FY 2005 Difference |
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| Expenditures: | \$0 | \$0 |
| Revenue: | \$0 | \$0 |
| Net Impact on General Fund Balance: | \$0 | \$0 |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 |

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The Department of Environmental Quality is obligated under current law to do an environmental impact statement for an existing petition to designate the West Fork Gallatin River as an outstanding resource water. As currently written, the anticipated cost of \$250,000 for this EIS will be paid for by the group that petitioned to do the designation.
2. Since the Board of Environmental Review has already found the West Fork Gallatin petition acceptable to move forward with EIS development, no additional DEQ work is expected for this petition as a result of HB 467.
3. Although the DEQ requested a \$250,000 appropriation for this EIS during the Executive Planning Process for the 2005 biennium, the request was denied during EPP so there are no more savings as a result of this bill.
4. New language in the bill directs that additional work will be done by the Board of Environmental Review for future petitions to support a finding that a designation is necessary. The DEQ would likely do this work for the board for all future petitions.
5. Given that DEQ has had only one petition since 1995, and HB 467 imposes significant new costs on the petitioner, it is assumed that DEQ would receive no petitions in the future. Therefore, the DEQ would not incur additional expenses if this legislation were enacted into law.